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"Yes. Ochille might appropriately be called a fire proof flat."

BEHIND THE BAT

By WILLIS BOYD ALLEN.

IT WAS a bright, cool afternoon in early September, when a dozen or more high school boys were gathered on Readville common, eagerly discussing a subject which was interesting enough to make their eyes sparkle and their voices all chime in together as they talked.

"Now, hold on, fellows," said one of the tallest, raising his hand for silence. "We may as well do this business up squarely on the spot. I'll read the challenge, if you'll all keep still."

The boys threw themselves on the ground, and in various attitudes prepared to listen.

Harry Hunter, the tall, speaker, remained standing, and drawing a paper from his pocket, read as follows:

"Jamestown, Sept. 1, 1897.
"The Jamestown High School Nine hereby challenge the Readville High School Nine to a game of baseball, to be played on Readville Common, on the afternoon of September 4, at three o'clock.
"League rules to be followed."

"HIRAM BLACK,
"Captain Jamestown B. B. Nine."

A chorus of cheers and cat calls broke out immediately on the conclusion of the challenge; but Harry raised his hand once more.

"The question is, Shall we accept?"

Those in favor say "Aye!"

A tremendous shout rent the air.

"Those opposed, 'No!'"

Dead silence.

"It is a vote. Now for positions and players."

It should be explained that Harry was the captain of the Readville club; so there was no dispute as to his authority thus far.

When they came to choice of positions, however, there was a little more feeling. As to first, second and third base, the matter was easy enough. There were two fellows who played short-stop well, but they were warm friends, and each was ready to yield to the other.

Dick Manning was acknowledged to be the best pitcher in town, having a "drop twist" which he had gained by days of practice, at odd moments, behind his father's barn, and upon which he greatly prided himself in a modest way.

Up to this point all went smoothly. "Now, as to catcher," said Harry. "I know it's a show place, and I don't want to put myself forward. But it's an important game, and I think I understand Dick's delivery better than the rest of you. Rod Farnum is a tip-top hand behind the bat, I know; but—"

Harry hesitated as he saw Rodney look down and dig his heel into the ground, half sullenly.

Rodney was a graceful player, a strong hitter and swift thrower. His chief trouble was uncertainty. You couldn't depend either on his temper or his nerve in a closely-contested game. Harry knew this, and now endeavored to smooth over matters by suggesting that Rod should play center field at first, and come in for change during the close of the game, if necessary.

Right and left fielders were easily appointed, and the boys seized their bats and balls for a couple of hours' practice.

Rod excused himself gruffly, and wandered down by the river alone. He wanted catcher's position for that game, and felt defrauded by his captain. All the girls from the institute would be sure to come and cluster around the in-field, while the center fielder would be stationed away off by himself, with, perhaps, not a single chance to win applause.

Rod's father was one of the wealthiest men in town, and the boy was used to having his own way.

Only yesterday, a fine new catcher's mask had come up from the city. Of course, he had meant to lend it freely to the nine in all their games; but now he resolved he would say nothing about it. The old mask was nearly worn out, and, if struck at certain points, was sure to hurt the wearer.

If Harry Hunter was so particular about catching, he could wear the old thing, for all Rod cared.

Having gone so far as this, the unhappy boy suddenly hit upon another scheme to obtain his revenge. He stopped short and scowled darkly. "I'll do it," he said, to himself; then turned and walked homeward, meditating all the way on the surest means to accomplish his purpose.

It was no less than to bring about the defeat of his own companions. How he succeeded will be seen.

At two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, parties of young people, in twos and threes, began to stroll toward the common.

Already a number of players were on hand engaged in vigorous practice, their jaunty uniforms showing prettily against the green, closely-cropped ball-field.

The Jamestown nine wore blue stockings and gray suits; the "Readvilles," white, with red stockings.

The crowd increased. At about a quarter before three, two of the players, one from each nine, separated at a distance from the common, and came to it from different directions.

One of them was the captain of the "Jamestown," a rough, black-eyed fellow, whom nobody liked, but who was a fine player. The other was Rodney Farnum.

Three o'clock arrived, and in presence of the umpire the two captains tossed up a cent. The "Readvilles" won the toss, and sent their opponents to the bat.

As the red stockings walked past them into the field, the Jamestown captain winked at Rod, who nodded slightly in return, blushing at the same time

and glancing over his shoulder to see if he was observed.

"Play!" called the umpire. Dick Manning drew himself up, looked carefully about the field; then suddenly, with a swift movement, sent the white ball whizzing directly over the plate, about two feet from the ground. "One strike!" shouted the umpire.

The Jamestown looked surprised, and before he had gathered himself for the next ball it was past him again and in the hands of Harry, who waited till the umpire called "Strike two!" and then ran up behind the bat, adjusting the old mask over his face.

The next two balls delivered were wide. The third was just right, and the Jamestown hit with all his force. It soared far up in the air, toward the center field.

"Rod! Rod Farnum!" cried Harry, as two or three of the fielders started for the ball.

Rodney ran, and stretched out his hands—a little awkwardly, his friends thought. The next moment the ball struck the ground six feet away, and the striker was safe on second base.

A prolonged "Oh-h-hi" came involuntarily from the crowd, and Rod returned with a sullen air to his station, after fielding the ball.

The game proceeded, and was contested hotly at every point. The visitors seemed possessed with but one ambition, and that was to knock the ball down to center. Time and again it started in that direction, but dropped short, or into the hands of one of the other fielders.

At last the ninth inning was reached. The score was a tie—eight to eight. "Jamestown" came to the bat, and two men went out in quick succession, one on a foul fly, the other at first base. The third striker got the ball just where he wanted it, and sent it high up in Rod's direction.

Now, Rodney had already begun to repent of the treacherous part he was playing. Here was a chance to redeem himself. He made a desperate run backward for the ball, but tripped and fell just as it was coming to his hands. Again he heard that long note of dismay from his friends. The sound nerved him. Leaping to his feet he darted after the ball like a deer, and, picking it up lightly, as it rolled, faced about. The runner was making the round of the bases, amid the shouts and jeers of the Jamestown people who had come over to see the game.

Rodney gathered himself for a mighty effort, and drawing back his arm, threw the ball with all his strength. Harry was waiting for it eagerly, with his foot on the homeplate. It seemed impossible that the ball could get there in time,



RODNEY RAN AND STRETCHED OUT HIS HANDS.

and the Jamestown cheered more lustily than ever, as the blue stockings went flying along the base line toward home; but still more swiftly came the ball, sent with unerring aim from Rod's far-away arm.

Just a wee fraction of a second before the runner touched the plate the ball settled into Harry's hands, which swung round like lightning, and Jamestown was out—score, eight to eight.

On coming in with his side for their last turn at the bat, Rod found himself all at once a hero.

"Never was such a throw seen on the grounds!" they said; and poor Rod hung his head, and answered not a word.

Harry made a good hit that carried him to second, where he seemed likely to be left, as the next two at the bat struck easy flies, and went out. It was Rod's turn. Heretofore he had purposely struck out every time he came to the bat. Now his hands clenched the stick firmly, and he braced his feet as if he meant business. The crowd saw the slight movement, and cheered to encourage him.

"Strike one!" called the umpire, as the ball flew over the plate a little higher than Rod wanted it. "Strike two!"

Still not just right. Rod waited calmly. The crowd were silent, and looked downcast. Suddenly they gave a wild cheer. Hats were flung into the air, and handkerchiefs waved. Rodney had made a terrific hit, sending the ball far beyond the right fielder. In another moment Harry had reached home, and scored the winning run—score, Readvilles, nine; Jamestown, eight.

That night Rodney drew Harry to one side, and had a long talk with him. Whatever its nature was, it is certain that the boys wrung each other's hands at parting, and have been like brothers ever since. As for Rodney, he will not soon forget the match, and the two parts he took in it, and a manlier, humbler, nobler fellow doesn't live to-day in Readville—Golden Days.

"Yes, there's some consolation in everything!" remarked Robinson Crusoe to the brack young reporter along with the rescue party. "You see, I had nobody on the island to say 'I told you so!'"—N. Y. Evening Journal.



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The State of Ohio, Probate Court, Highland County, S. S., Insolvency. In the matter of the estate of J. H. Marquette, deceased.

On the 11th day of October, in the year of 1898, the Probate Court of Highland County, Ohio, declared the estate of J. H. Marquette, deceased, to be probably insolvent. Creditors are therefore required to present their claims against the estate of the undersigned for allowance within six months from the time above mentioned, or they will not be entitled to payment.

Commissioner and Executor.
H. L. WIGGINS, Attorney.
October 11th, 1898.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

REAL ESTATE.

Helen Brown Duffee vs. Timothy D. West et al. Highland Court of Common Pleas. Case No. 6640.

ORDER OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE. In pursuance of an order issued from the Court of Common Pleas, within and for the County of Highland, and State of Ohio, made at the September term thereof, A. D. 1898, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at Public Auction, at the door of the Court House, in the town of Hillsboro, O., on

SATURDAY, DEC. 17, 1898,
At 1 o'clock p. m. of said day the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lying, being and situate in the township of Liberty, county of Highland and state of Ohio, and being part of the O. Byrd's survey, No. 2516 of 1745 acres. Beginning at a stone in the center of a county road, N. E. corner to the land of John B. Black and S. W. corner to the land of Lucy King; thence with said road and the S. line of the land of said King, N. 64 E. 42.5 poles to a stone in said King's line and corner to the land of Eliza Gustin and others; thence with S. line of the lands of said Gustin and others and S. P. Scott, S. 77 deg. 45 sec. E. 72.5 poles to a stone in the center of said road and corner to the lands of Edgingfield; thence with said Edgingfield's line 87 deg. 45 sec. W. 31.5 poles to a stone, N. W. corner to said Edgingfield's line and the E. line of the land of John B. Black; thence with said Black's line N. 40 deg. 30 sec. W. 35.5 poles to the beginning, containing eighteen (18) acres and fifteen (15) square perches of land, be the same more or less.

Said premises have been appraised at one hundred and twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars, and cannot sell for less than two-thirds of said appraisement.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on day of sale.
J. G. WILLIAMSON,
Sheriff of Highland County.

Legal Notice.

Emily B. Miller, who resides at Corvallis, Benton county, in the state of Oregon; Elizabeth A. Platter, who resides at Villisca, Montgomery county, in the state of Iowa; Nannie E. Gray, who resides at Clarissa, Page county, in the state of Iowa; Holley Thurman, who resides at Denver or Cripple Creek in the state of Colorado; Annie A. Thurman, widow, and Guy Thurman, Blanche Thurman and Allen G. Thurman, a minor under fourteen years of age, heirs at law of Barrett Thurman, deceased, who reside at Blanchard, Page county, in the state of Iowa, and Lucy T. Thurman, who resides at Liberty, Clay county, in the state of Missouri, widow of Cyrus Thurman, deceased; and Fred Weyer and Ed Weyer, whose places of residence are unknown and who are believed to reside in Omaha in the state of Nebraska, will take notice that on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1898, C. W. Fairley filed his petition in the County Court of Highland county, Ohio, praying for an order of survey by metes and bounds and for partition of the following described real estate situate in the county of Highland, state of Ohio, in the township of Paine, and being a part of Haye's survey No. 2516 of 1745 acres, and being a part of the land of Barrett Thurman, deceased, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lying on the road known as the Greenfield road, beginning at the corner of a lot belonging to Thomas Davis, (formerly John Cowman) thence north with the Quaker road to the corner of a wood lot; thence west with the fence to a point opposite where the old stable stood in said lot; thence north to where the said stable formerly stood; thence west to said Beeson line (now Cowgill and Overman); thence south with said line to the Greenfield road; thence with said road to the place of beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less.

The prayer of said petition is for an order of survey of said premises and for the partition of the same if the same can be done without manifest injury, otherwise for the sale thereof pursuant to the statute in such cases made and provided.

Said parties above named are hereby notified that they have been made parties defendant in said petition and that they are required to answer the same on or before the 31st day of December, A. D. 1898.

HOUGH & WILSON,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
November 1st, 1898.

WOOD'S PLANS IN SANTIAGO.

Organization of an Administration Council and a Large Police Force.

Gen. Wood, military governor of the department of Santiago, though satisfied with the workings of the Cuban committee of fifty recommending appointments and offering suggestions for assistance in the work of civil administration, has decided to simplify this feature by appointing eight of the most prominent members of the committee as a permanent council to the governor.

This council will meet Gen. Wood thrice a week to consult as to improvements in the province, and one or more members may go to different points to consider local applications for office. The members of the council will receive salaries. One of the first matters to be considered by Gen. Wood and the advisory council will probably be the reorganization of the police force of the province, Gen. Wood intending to enlarge it.

Several wealthy Cubans have offered Gen. Wood a quantity of land to enable him to carry out his plans of furnishing work for anyone who desires it. Any such applicant will be given for one year the use of a piece of land, implements, seeds and rations until his crops grow to enable him to supply the Santiago market with vegetables, fruit, fowls or pork.

Lieut. Rooney has gone with 180 pack mules to Bayamo, distributing rations along the roads. He carries 21,000 rations.

Rev. Mr. Somellán, minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, is about to build a church here and establish a school, after which he will visit other Cuban cities for a similar purpose.

WOULDN'T CHANGE THE NAME.

Connecticut Objects to Having a Monitor Called After the State-Secretary Long's Decision.

Secretary Long has declined to substitute the name of any other state for that of Connecticut, which he recently conferred upon one of the monitors whose construction is soon to be begun. The naming of a monitor Connecticut was deeply resented by the people of that state, who think it should grace a battleship.

In an open letter the secretary states that the names of the monitors were given in obedience to the act of congress of May 4, 1898, which provides that "hereafter all first-class battleships and monitors owned by the United States shall be named for the states and not be named for any city, place or person until the names of the states shall have been exhausted."

This act, the secretary declares, made it imperative that the new monitors should be named after states, and the department named them Florida, Wyoming, Arkansas and Connecticut. To now withdraw one of these names on the ground that it is not complimentary and substitute therefor the name of some other state, which the law would make it necessary to do, would be a direct discourtesy, the secretary says, to such other states, whereas the original bestowal of the name was complimentary.

PUTS BATHING IN HIS CREED.

New York Pastor Explains a Church Order Founded on Cleanliness.

Here is a church society whose members are bound by the rules to take a bath every day. For the benefit of those who feel that too much bathing is not to be encouraged the rule reads: "To take a sponge bath or a cold water tub every day, unless prevented by illness."

The name of the organization is not "The Order of the Bath," as certain persons have begun to call it. It is known officially as the Order of Silver Cross of Our Master and Cleanliness. It was organized by Rev. Mr. Moir, assistant rector of the church of the Holy Communion, at Sixth avenue and Twentieth street.

Mr. Moir was surprised that the order should attract any special attention.

Old Age Pension.

The New Zealand assembly has just passed an old-age pension bill which applies to all persons 60 years old. The pension amounts to but \$90 a year, or about \$1.75 a week, and no one who has an income of over five dollars a week or property worth more than \$2,700 will be entitled to it. Twenty years' residence in the colony and ten years' exemplary conduct are among the other qualifications, the vagrant and the drunkard being thus shut off.

Cornell's House at Rouen.

The proposed purchase of Cornell's house in the Rue de la Pie, Rouen, as a monument, has been postponed, as the town authorities think \$7,500 too much to give. They have erected a statue, and have bought his country seat at Grand Carroune, and are unwilling to go to great expense for the house, especially as hardly a scrap of the original structure remains, except the frame and joists supporting the floors.

John Quincy Adams' Ghost.

One of the most curious and alarming of the audible phenomena observable in the capitol at Washington, so all the watchmen say, is a ghastly footstep that seems to follow anybody who crosses Statuary hall at night. It was in this hall, then the chamber of the house of representatives, that John Quincy Adams died—at a spot indicated now by a brass tablet set in a stone slab, where stood his desk.

English Words.

There are now in the English language over 250,000 words, acknowledged by the best authorities, or about 70,000 more than in German, French, Spanish and Italian combined.

CUBANS IN THE ARMY

Secretary Alger Recommends Plans for Raising an Army in Cuba.

Will Ask Congress for Authority to Accept Even Spaniards for Garrison Duty to Relieve American Troops.

Cubans and even Spaniards will be enlisted for garrison duty in the United States army in connection with the occupation of Cuba in case congress approves the recommendation which Secretary Alger will make in his forthcoming annual report.

This subject has been frequently discussed by the president and his cabinet, and the conclusion reached to provide employment for a limited number of Cubans by enlisting them into the army of the United States. As it will not be policy to discriminate against any class, men now in the Spanish army in Cuba who may elect to remain in the island will be eligible for enlistment in the ranks of the American army.

It is not proposed at first to accept residents of Cuba as organizations, but to enlist the men individually and assign them to regular regiments with American troops and officers. Eventually regiments composed entirely of native soldiers will be organized and left in charge of the garrisons from which American troops will be withdrawn.

Secretary Alger, in his annual report to congress, will recommend the enactment of legislation and appropriations for the maintenance of the armies to be kept in the several new colonial possessions for the next fiscal year. In this connection he will request that authority be expressly given for the enlistment of Cuban soldiers.

It is estimated that there are about 15,000 Spanish soldiers who will elect to remain in Cuba, and that a large percentage of this number will seek enlistment in the ranks of the regular army. It is also estimated that there are about 50,000 Cuban insurgents who would gladly accept service in the American army. The authorities believe, however, that not more than 50,000 men altogether will be necessary for the garrisons contemplated for Cuba. The Cubans first enlisted will be selected in small numbers and with great care.

The department will follow the advice of Maj. Gen. Butler and give employment to as many as possible of the residents of the island, not only in the army, but in connection with any other work that may be undertaken. By thus encouraging industry it is hoped to avoid any clash with the insurgents.

FOUNDATION FOR A NOVEL.

Romance of War Involves a Sick Soldier and His Two Sweethearts.

Albert Martin, a rancher who lived near the Cheyenne river in Ziebach county, S. D., enlisted as a volunteer at the beginning of the war and fought at the battle of El Caney. After the battle he met Ramona Perez, the daughter of an officer of Garcia's command, and they became sweethearts. Soon afterward he was attacked by fever and sent home on sick leave. He was engaged before his departure for the war to the daughter of a neighboring ranchman, and arranged to be married while home on his leave of absence.

Meanwhile the Cuban girl had learned of his illness and that he had gone home, and she resolved to follow and nurse him. Dressing in her brother's clothes, she crossed to Jamaica and secured herself on a fruit steamer bound for New Orleans. Reaching there, she tramped and bent her way to Hermosa, S. D. When she reached there she learned of her lover's approaching marriage and the shock drove her insane. At the same time the American girl learned of her lover's flirtation and broke off the engagement. Martin began drinking heavily and disappeared. A few days ago his body was found floating in the Cheyenne river. Whether he fell in while intoxicated or committed suicide is a matter of conjecture.

MAY FLY AMERICAN FLAG.

Experts Think the Colon and Mercedes, Sunk Spanish Cruisers, Can Be Saved.

It is probable that the project of saving the Spanish warships at Santiago will be authorized by the government, and that two and perhaps three more will be added to the number of vessels that will hereafter bear the American flag and retain the foreign names they bore in the notable conflict. The expert board of the navy department has taken the subject under advisement and at a recent session listened to a technical description from the commander of one of the supply ships which recently made a critical examination of each. His report satisfied the experts that there is no question that the Mercedes, wrecked at the entrance to Santiago harbor, can be saved, and that in all probability the Colon may be got off as was her consort, the Maria Teresa.